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Gentlemen:

As a practicing neurosurgeon, I would urge the FDA to not go ahead with additional regulations referring to bone derived from bone banks. I have used bone from the bone banks for 12 years with good results and no problems. The use of bank bone considerably lessens the postoperative morbidity that patients have when undergoing surgical procedures and avoids having to take a graft from their own hip. If for any reason, bone was not available from bone banks, this would be detrimental to the health and welfare of the populous.

Sincerely yours,


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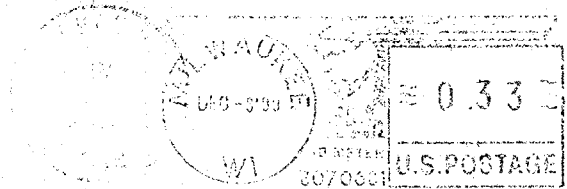
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